

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Bottom drain valve especially for enameled containers ~~having a container wall provided with enameling~~ of the chemical industry having a ring-shaped necked section with a container wall provided with enameling, on which strict requirements are imposed with respect to resistance, cleanability, and functional reliability, with said valve comprising:

a flange part [(2)], ~~consisting of having~~ a cylindrical section [(2a)], which can be inserted into [[a]] the ring-shaped necked section, (1) of the container to form the seat of the valve disk, and of the flange part having a collar [(2c)] extending transversely to the cylindrical section, said collar being adapted to connect the flange part [(2)] to the container, wherein the flange part (2) has having a conical taper [(7)] at [[the]] an upper end opposite to said collar, and

a ~~cylindrical~~ sealing module (5) is having a cylindrical portion inserted in the area of the ring-shaped necked section [(1)] between the flange part [(2)] and the enameling of the container wall, the sealing module having an upper part ~~of this sealing module being~~ arranged to provide a seal between the conical taper and the ring-shaped necked section and being provided with a reinforced, elastically/plastically deformable ring-shaped sealing area [(5c)].

2. (Currently amended) Bottom drain valve according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcement of the sealing module [(5)] is formed by an elastically/plastically deformable, ring-shaped, replaceable sealing element [(6)], around which the thin-walled material at the free end is folded.

3. (Currently amended) Bottom drain valve according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcement of

the sealing module [(5)] in the area of the free end is formed by a corrugated terminal section [(9)].

4. (Currently amended) Bottom drain valve according to claim 1, wherein the sealing module [(5)] is made of Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).

5. (New) Bottom drain valve especially for enameled containers of the chemical industry having a ring-shaped necked section with a container wall provided with enameling, said valve comprising:

a flange part having a cylindrical section, which can be inserted into the ring-shaped necked section of the container, the flange part having a collar extending transversely to the cylindrical section, the flange part having a conical taper at an upper end opposite to said collar, and

a sealing module having a disk-shaped section abutting on said collar and a cylindrical portion inserted in the area of the ring-shaped necked section between the flange part and the enameling of the container wall, the sealing module having an upper part arranged to provide a seal between the conical taper and the ring-shaped necked section and being provided with a reinforced, elastically/plastically deformable ring-shaped sealing area.

6. (New) Bottom drain valve according to claim 5, wherein the reinforcement of the sealing module is formed by an elastically/plastically deformable, ring-shaped, replaceable sealing element, around which the thin-walled material at the free end is folded.

7. (New) Bottom drain valve according to claim 5, wherein the reinforcement of the sealing module in the area of the free end is formed by a corrugated terminal section.

8. (New) Bottom drain valve according to claim 5, wherein the sealing module is made of Polytetrafluoroethylene.